

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 8, 10, 11, 15-20 and 22-32 are presented for consideration. Claims 8 and 15 are independent. Claims 9 and 21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 8 and 15 have been amended to clarify features of the subject invention. Support for these changes can be found in the original application, as filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

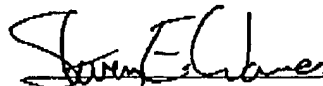
Applicant submits that claims 8, 10, 11, 15-20 and 22-32 should be deemed allowable, for the reasons stated in the Amendment filed on April 20, 2006.

Applicant further submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action and an early Notice of Allowance are also requested.

Applicant also requests that the Examiner contact his undersigned representative should any matters be deemed outstanding precluding allowance of this application.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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